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TELEPHONE FACILITIES IN VILLAGE PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facilities have been provided to all the Gram Panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, the number of Gram Panchayats provided telephone facilities during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats proposed to be provided with telephone facilities during the 2004-05, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which all the Gram Panchayats in the country are likely to be provided telephone facilites?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) 23,987 Gram Panchayats were provided with telephone facilities during the last three years. Circle wise status is given in the Annexure.
(c) It is planned to provide telephone facilities in 1,151 Gram Panchayats during the year 2004-05. Circle wise status is given in the Annexure.

(d) As stipulated in the terms and conditions of Universal Service Obligation (USO) Tender and Agreement signed between the office of Administrator USO Fund and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), the uncovered Gram Panchayats included therein are planned to be provided with telephone facilities by November, 2007.
Annexure

Panchayat villages provided telecom facility during last three years and proposed to be provided during 2004-05

S.No.	Circle	No. of Panchayat telephones provided during last three years	No. of Gram Panchayat proposed to be covered during 2004-05
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0
3	Assam	628	179
4	Bihar	593	0
5	Chhatisgarh	3829	0
6	Gujarat	0	0
7	Haryana	0	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	435	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	21	141
10	Jharkhand	1753	0
11	Karnataka	2	0
12	Kerala	0	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	164	440
14	Maharashtra	0	0
15	North-East-I	660	0
16	North-East-II	1189	341
17	Orissa	111	0
18	Punjab	0	0
19	Rajasthan	0	0
20	Tamil Nadu	0	0
21	Uttar Pradesh(East)	12181	0
22	Uttar Pradesh(West)	997	0
23	Uttaranchal	1424	50
24	West Bengal	0	0

Total	23987	1151